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CARL M. VOGEL

114TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE

January 14, 2002

Renata Hesse
Trial Attorney-Anti-Trust Division
Department of Justice
601 D Street Northwest, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Ms. Hesse:

Given that the economy is now in recession, the last thing we need is more litigation and regulation of the high-tech industry. Already over \$30 million in taxpayer funds have been spent on the Microsoft anti-trust case at a time when money should be kept in the pockets of consumers, thus helping our fragile economy grow. The settlement reached between the Justice Department and Microsoft is appropriate.

I favor free-market solutions to the problems facing businesses today. Competition - and the will to succeed as a result of this competition - has given this nation the strongest business environment in the world.

There has been no consumer harm as a result of any actions taken by Microsoft. In fact, Microsoft's innovation has led to tremendous benefits for consumers, such as better products and lower prices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl M. Vogel".

Carl M. Vogel
State Representative
114th District